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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : John E. Armstrong, *et al.*
FOR : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE
INTEROPERABILITY AND MANIPULATION
OF DATA IN A COMPUTER NETWORK
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, the Examiner has required the restriction of the present application to one of the following inventions:

GROUP I: claims 1-5, drawn to processing data in a transaction,
classified in class 705, subclass 64;